Wokingham Secondary School Places Strategy (age 11 to 16) Consultation 2021: Questionnaire

**Introduction**

This questionnaire is intended to seek information and views from key stakeholders, in particular:

* Schools
* Parents

It is intended to enable stakeholders:

* To contribute their views on the fundamental challenges facing the borough.
* To set out where and when they believe additional places will be required.
* To establish how in their view additional places should be provided.
* To understand the community view on the options of expansion or a further new school late in the coming decade.
* To understand if the community has an interest in different types of schools (e.g. faith schools).

Question 1 – who are you / who are you responding on behalf of?

Parent (tick) – anonymous responses from then on.

On behalf of (e.g. a school governing body):

Name of organisation / school

Contact name / email

Question 2

Do you support the analysis of need set out in background document?

(Scale response from 0 to 5 Strongly disagree to Strongly agree)

Question 3

If you disagree with the analysis could you explain where it is in error or could be improved. (text box)

Question 4

Where would you prefer additional school places to be created?

Text box

(allows schools or areas to be specified)

Question 5 (for schools)

Would your school be able to provide additional places?

Yes / No

Question 6 (for schools)

How many places (indicative at the moment) do you think could be offered each year? Please note that we are looking at creating additional places:

* For the 2022/23 academic year (for Year 7)
* For future academic years
* To create bulge capacity (a short term expansion possibly supported by temporary accommodation or accommodation that addresses other school issues in the longer term)
* Possibly to lead to a permanent expansion

*Note: The Year 7 roll projection points to a peak in 2023/24, but with a reduced need for additional places every year (except one) until 2027/28. One way this need could be met is through a mix of permanent expansion and short-term expansion for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25.*

Text box

Question 7 (for schools)

Are there other changes that could be made by your school, or other schools, that could make them more attractive to Wokingham resident children? What support would you expect from the Borough to make these changes?

Text box

Question 8

What is your view on a possible additional school, probably towards the end of the ten year strategy period?

*Note: The updated Wokingham local plan will guide where and how growth will take place in the borough in the years up to 2036. The council has to plan for more housing, which is always a complex and controversial subject. It also needs to plan for new employment, schools, roads, parks, shops and community facilities necessary to create places people want to live, work and do business. No new development sites have been agreed, but master planning work has been commissioned to consider the constraints and opportunities associated with land between Sindlesham, Shinfield and Arborfield and also on land in and around the South Wokingham major development. This may include provision (such as a new school site) to enable a new secondary school to open if significant additional capacity is required.*

Scalar response -from strongly oppose a new school to strongly support a new school

Question 9

If a new school was to be built, are there any special characteristics it should have? How could new school premises help raise achievement in existing schools?

This could include:

* Faith designation
* Additional needs support
* Education focus (such as Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths or STEM)
* Size of school
* Age range (all through, 11 to 16, 11 to 18)
* Partnership or relocation proposals

Text box

Question 10

Please comment on anything that you think is relevant not addressed above.

Text box